

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 167

January 22, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for selling or distributing tattoo paraphernalia to a minor or purchasing tattoo paraphernalia on behalf of a minor. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for selling or distributing body piercing paraphernalia to a minor or purchasing body piercing paraphernalia on behalf of a minor. Makes it a delinquent act, punishable only by a fine not to exceed \$50, for a minor to purchase tattoo or body piercing paraphernalia, or fraudulently attempt to purchase tattoo or body piercing paraphernalia. Creates exception to the delinquent acts for a minor who cooperates with law enforcement officers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-38-212, it is currently a Class A misdemeanor to use, or possess with the intent to use, tattoo paraphernalia if not properly licensed.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class A misdemeanor prosecutions as a result of this legislation for state or local government to experience a significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is insignificant. The proposed legislation will not significantly change state or local revenue.
- The court system can accommodate any increase in caseloads within existing judicial resources.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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